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1.	<p>With regard to the language, this report is based on the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> This report is based on translations from the original language into the following language _____ which is the language of a translation furnished for the purposes of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international search (Rule 12.3 and 23.1(b))</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> publication of the international application (Rule 12.4)</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> international preliminary examination (Rule 55.2 and/or 55.3)</p> <p>2. With regard to the elements of the international application, this report is based on <i>(replacement sheets which have been furnished to the receiving Office in response to an invitation under Article 14 are referred to in this report as "originally filed" and are not annexed to this report)</i>:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the international application as originally filed/furnished</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the description:</p> <p>pages <u>1-12</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>pages* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the claims:</p> <p>nos. <u>1-7</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>nos.* _____ as amended (together with any statement) under Article 19</p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>nos.* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> the drawings:</p> <p>sheets <u>1/5-5/5</u> _____ as originally filed/furnished</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p>sheets* _____ received by this Authority on _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> a sequence listing and/or any related table(s) – see Supplemental Box Relating to Sequence Listing.</p> <p>3. <input type="checkbox"/> The amendments have resulted in the cancellation of:</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (specify): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____</p> <p>4. <input type="checkbox"/> This report has been established as if (some of) the amendments annexed to this report and listed below had not been made, since they have been considered to go beyond the disclosure as filed, as indicated in the Supplemental Box (Rule 70.2(c)).</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the description, pages _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the claims, nos. _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the drawings, sheets/figs _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> the sequence listing (specify): _____</p> <p><input type="checkbox"/> any table(s) related to sequence listing (specify): _____</p>

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1. Statement

Novelty (N)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO
Inventive step (IS)	Claims		YES
	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	NO
Industrial applicability (IA)	Claims	<u>1-7</u>	YES
	Claims		NO

2. Citations and explanations (Rule 70.7)

1. In the present report, reference is made to the following documents:

D1: EP 1 001 631 A (CANAL PLUS SA) 17 May 2000
(2000-05-17);

D2: STALLARD, PAILA: "DVB thoughts on service
discovery and selection" IETF DRAFT MMUSIC
GROUP, 10 February 2003 (2003-02-10),
XP015005363.

2. INDEPENDENT CLAIM 1

The present application does not fulfil the requirements set forth in PCT Article 33(1) because the subject matter of claim 1 does not involve an inventive step as defined in PCT Article 33(3).

Document D1, which is considered to be the prior art closest to the subject matter of claim 1, describes a routine method for transporting DVB streams and services via satellite. This is also acknowledged by the applicant in figure 1 and on

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It follows that the subject matter of claim 1 differs from the teaching in D1 in that the DVB service and stream production chain is transported via IP instead of via satellite.

The problem that the present invention is intended to solve can therefore be considered to be that of transferring said DVB services and streams from a satellite transport system to an IP transport system.

A person skilled in the art seeking to solve this problem would have read through the existing literature to determine whether or not such a problem has already been solved and, if so, in what manner. It follows that such a person would consider D2, which relates specifically to recommendations for transporting DVB services and streams via IP and explains how to use the IP addresses and ports to discover and select said services (SD&S in D1, paragraph 3. Assumptions, criteria 100, 1005 and 200). Moreover, since NIT and SDT interleaving is conventional in DVB (see, in particular, D1, figures 5 and 6) and since the construction of a list to be presented to the user is known from D2 (paragraph 4.2 Selection "Prior to selection, a list (or some other representation) of the discovered service will be presented to the user"), the solution proposed in claim 1 of the present application is not

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considered to be inventive (PCT Article 33(3)).

3. DEPENDENT CLAIMS 2-7

These claims do not contain any features which, in combination with the features of any one of the claims to which they refer, fulfil the PCT requirements of novelty and inventive step (PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3)):

- claims 2 and 3: the fact that the IP address is provided manually by the user or automatically by the network is envisaged in the draft IETF in order to provide DVB services via IP (see, for example, criterion 1005 on page 3 of D2);
- claim 4: providing one or more services via the DVB stream is a routine optional embodiment in DVB;
- claim 5, containing the list of services in the NIT is a routine option in DVB (see also D1, figures 5 and 6) and positioning the NIT at the first address on the first broadcasting port makes no surprising contribution over the prior art.

4. The reasons set out above also apply to independent claim 6, which is the apparatus claim corresponding to the combinations of technical features in claims 1 to 5. As a result, claim 6 is not inventive, contrary to the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3).

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5.	<p>Similarly, since the use of IP as a transport layer for DVB streams has no surprising effects (D2), it would be obvious that IP broadcasting properties (address and port number) have to be used. This leads to the subject matter of claim 7 and, as a result, said claim is not inventive contrary to the requirements of PCT Article 33(2) and 33(3) .</p>